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Specification at page 1, line 1:

- 1                    This application is the U.S. national phase application of PCT  
2   International Application No. PCT/GB00/02290 filed 23 June 2000.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

- 1                    3.     (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~either Claim 1 or 2~~  
2   Claim 1, wherein said yellow dye has a colour index number acid yellow 250.
- 1                    4.     (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1~~  
2   ~~to 3~~ Claim 1, wherein said material is made from a mixture of fibres of different  
3   types.
- 1                    5.     (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1~~  
2   ~~to 4~~ Claim 1, wherein said material comprises a mixture of wool and synthetic  
3   fibres.
- 1                    8.     (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1~~  
2   ~~to 7~~ Claim 1, wherein the content of wool fibres in said material is at least 20%  
3   by weight.

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1                   9.     (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1~~  
2 ~~to 8~~ Claim 1, wherein the content of wool fibres in said material is at least 25 %  
3 by weight.

1                   10.    (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1~~  
2 ~~to 9~~ Claim 1, wherein the content of wool fibres in said material is at least 40 %  
3 by weight.

1                   11.    (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1~~  
2 ~~to 10~~ Claim 1, wherein said weft yarns comprise at least 20% by weight of  
3 wool.

1                   12.    (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1~~  
2 ~~to 10~~ Claim 1, wherein said weft yarns comprise at least 30% by weight of  
3 wool.

1                   13.    (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1~~  
2 ~~to 10~~ Claim 1, wherein said weft yarns comprise at least 40% by weight of  
3 wool.

1                   14.    (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1~~  
2 ~~to 13~~ Claim 1, wherein said material is processed in piece form.

1                   15.    (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1~~  
2 ~~to 14~~ Claim 1, wherein said material is contacted with a partitioning agent.

1                   17.    (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1~~  
2 ~~to 16~~ Claim 1, wherein said material is treated using a jet-dyeing apparatus.

FOOTNOTES

1                   20. (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1~~  
2 ~~to 19~~ Claim 1, wherein said material is contacted with the bleaching agent prior  
3 to said material being contacted with said fluorescent dye.

1                   21. (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 15~~  
2 ~~to 16~~ Claim 15, wherein said material is contacted with the partitioning agent  
3 prior to said material being contacted with said fluorescent dye.

1                   22. (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims~~  
2 ~~15, 16 and 18~~ Claim 15, wherein said bleaching agent is added simultaneously or  
3 quasi-simultaneously with the partitioning agent.

1                   23. (Amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1~~  
2 ~~to 22~~ Claim 1, wherein said bleaching agent is an inorganic reducing agent with  
3 chelating agents and comprises 30-40% by weight tetrasodium ethylene-  
4 diaminetetraacetate and 30-40% by weight disodium disulphite.

1                   24. (Amended) A coloured fabric material obtainable according  
2 to the method described in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 23~~ Claim 1.

1                   29. (Amended) The fabric material as claimed in ~~either one of~~  
2 ~~Claims 27 and 28~~ Claim 27, wherein said lightness value is 96 or more.

1                   30. (Amended) The fabric material as claimed in ~~any one of~~  
2 ~~Claims 27 to 29~~ Claim 27, wherein said reflectance value is 125 or more.

1                   31. (Amended) The fabric material as claimed in ~~any one of~~  
2 ~~Claims 27 to 29~~ Claim 27, which exhibits the following characteristics:

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- 3 i) a chroma value of 110 or more;
- 4 ii) a lightness value of 97 or more; and
- 5 iii) a reflectance value of 128 or more.

1 34. (Amended) A white fabric material as claimed in ~~either one~~  
2 ~~of Claims 32 and 33~~ Claim 32, having a lightness value of 92 or greater.

1 35. (Amended) A white fabric material as claimed in ~~any one of~~  
2 ~~Claims 32 to 34~~ Claim 32, having a reflectance value of 85 or more.

1 36. (Amended) A white fabric material as claimed in ~~any one of~~  
2 ~~claims 32 to 35~~ Claim 32, which exhibits the following characteristics:

- 3 i) a chroma value of 5 or less;
- 4 ii) a lightness value of 93 or more; and
- 5 iii) a reflectance value of 90 or more.

1 37. (Amended) A fabric material as claimed in ~~any one of~~  
2 ~~Claims 27 to 36~~ Claim 27, wherein said material is made of a mixture of fibres  
3 of different types.

1 38. (Amended) A fabric material as claimed in ~~any one of~~  
2 ~~Claims 27 to 37~~ Claim 27, wherein said material comprises a mixture of wool  
3 and synthetic fibres.

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1 41. (Amended) A fabric material as claimed in ~~any one of~~  
2 ~~Claims 27 to 44~~ Claim 27, wherein the content of wool fibres in said material is  
3 at least 20% by weight.

1 42. (Amended) A fabric material as claimed in ~~any one of~~  
2 ~~Claims 27 to 41~~ Claim 27, wherein the content of wool fibres in said material is  
3 at least 40% by weight.

1 43. (Amended) A fabric material as claimed in ~~any one of~~  
2 ~~Claims 27 to 42~~ Claim 27, wherein said weft yarns comprise at least 20% by  
3 weight of wool.

1 44. (Amended) A fabric material as claimed in ~~any one of~~  
2 ~~Claims 27 to 43~~ Claim 27, wherein said weft yarns comprise at least 30% by  
3 weight of wool.

1 45. (Amended) A fabric material as claimed in ~~any one of~~  
2 ~~Claims 27 to 44~~ Claim 27, wherein said weft yarns comprise at least 40% by  
3 weight of wool.

1 46. (Amended) A sports ball having a fabric material outer  
2 surface, said fabric material being a fabric material as defined in ~~any one of~~  
3 ~~Claims 27 to 45~~ Claim 27.

1 48. (Amended) A sports ball having a fabric material outer  
2 surface, said fabric material being a fabric material as obtained by the method of  
3 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 24~~ Claim 1.

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